

WILSON BOROUGH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
PENNSYLVANIA
APRIL 8, 2013

The First Meeting of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, Easton, PA. President Feinberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

Leonard Feinberg
David Jones
Russ Lipari
Louis Starniri

Winnie Howey
Joan Lilly-Kemmerer
James McGowan
Ryan Woodring

ABSENT:

David Williams

Also present were: Mayor David S. Perruso, Solicitor Louis S. Minotti, Jr., Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere, Superintendent of Operations Ron Behler

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 25, 2013 Council Meeting was approved on a Motion by Mr. McGowan. Second by Mr. Lipari.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

1. Mr. Corriere brought a request from Pete Rossi before Council concerning the property located at 1816-1818 Lehigh Street. The property is two twins that has been family owned since it was built in approximately 1910. The owner of the property has passed away and each of the units will be going to his children. Mr. Rossi is requesting a lot line adjustment so the parking spot will go to one property and the garage to the other property. Both properties are on one deed. Mr. Minotti suggested doing a minor subdivision. Mr. Corriere will take it back to the Planning Commission. A discussion on joint sewer lines was held. There are dozens of them in the Borough.

2. Dan Redington appeared before Council to review the Meuser Library Annual Report. There was a problem with the written information Mr. Redington presented and he will continue the discussion at the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer raised a question concerning obtaining books from another library. Mr. Redington responded that the library could get a book from any other library in the Commonwealth of PA.

The summer concert series schedule is 95% completed. The schedules will go out to the printer in the next few weeks.

A question was raised concerning the number of directors allowed on the library board. Mr. Redington responded that nine members were allowed if there was more than one municipality involved in the library.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

1. A letter was received from Scott Palinkas requesting consideration to be appointed as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to appoint Mr. Palinkas as an alternate to the Zoning Board.

2. A letter was received from John Kresch requesting consideration for a position on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion by Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer to appoint Mr. Kresch as an alternate to the Zoning Board.

3. Mayor Perruso received a letter from Elaine F. O'Brien requesting reimbursement for plumbing and cleaning expenses incurred following a sewer blockage at her home on 2483 Lincoln Avenue. The property owner was originally told that the blockage was her property. Mr. Behler stated that both mains were flowing and they blockage appeared to be in the lateral. Die was put in the first manhole, but it did not reach the second one. At that point in time, the sewer truck was brought in and opened up the line. Mr. Behler stated that the sewerage had come up into the property from a floor drain that is no longer allowed by code. The property owner did not have sewerage backup insurance. Motion by Mr. Lipari to refund the property owner for the expenses for the plumber and the cleaning service with receipts or cancelled checks for the payment of the work. Second by Mr. Woodring.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR:

1. Mayor Perruso informed Council that Chief Parkansky was at the range.
2. Mayor Perruso congratulated Attorney Minotti on being recognized by the Bar Association for 50 years of service. Mr. Minotti has been the Borough Solicitor for 43 years.

COMMUNICATIONS BY THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

1. Ms. Lohrman informed Council that Northampton County had approximately \$400,000 in funds available under the 2014 Hotel Tax Grant Program. Proposals will be accepted through May 30, 2013. Projects must have a quantifiable economic or culturally significant impact on the County and increase the number of visitors to the County. 28 projects were supported last year. \$7,500.00 was the median award.
2. Ms. Lohrman has received a proposal from ASL Mechanical for the work to be done on the exhaust hood and fan at Fisk Field. Ms. Lohrman would like to postpone the discussion until the quote for Che Mechanical is received. Mr. Jones added that the proposal did not include the electrical work or inspections. The proposal differs from the plans and my have to be reviewed by a plan reviewer. The work suggested would be less invasive to the facility and less expensive. Mr. Lipari suggested contacting the original contractor who did the work at the facility for a quote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

FIRE:

1. Mr. Starniri informed Council that the contract with the Fire Department is coming up. The negotiating committee would be the Police and Fire committee. Mr. Woodring will be a member of the committee. Mr. Starniri would like the committee to meet with Chief Collins prior to the beginning of negotiations.

POLICE:

None

PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Mr. Jones informed Council that PennDot would be repaving Freemansburg Avenue from May 21, 2013 to June 21, 2013. The work would be done from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Mr. Drake had been told that the Commonwealth supercedes municipality ordinances. Mr. Drake will be meeting with PennDot again prior to the beginning of paving.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

1. Mr. Lipari informed Council that he would be having a list of names the hiring of the summer staff at the swimming pool this year. The refreshment stand will be under the same management as last year. Mrs. Lilly-Kemmerer questioned who was going to be managing the pool as the manager from last year had not been contacted. Mr. Lipari responded that last year's manager had agreed to come back. Mr. Lipari had left several messages before the person had called him back.

ATTORNEY:

None

MECAB:

None

COG:

1. Mr. McGowan informed Council that the next COG meeting would be held on April 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in Freemansburg.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$123,308.65 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Starniri. Second by Mr. Lipari.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

Transcribed from a tape.

KAREN A.LOHRMAN, BOROUGH SECRETARY